

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee  
Plainfield Energy Group  
Notes of 10/01/2012 Meeting Draft

Attending: John Morris, Nick Seifert, Joel Trupin, Anne Miller, Bob Atchinson, Ed Hutchinson, Dan Chodorkoff, Lawrence Black

Call to Order: 7:09 PM

Adjourn: 8:04 PM

Business:

Approved the minutes from 9/3/2012.

OSC Solar: Reported by John Morris

- 3-tracker system
- Oct 23 Tuesday: Special Town Meeting to approve or not
- Oct 2: All nearby neighbors will be invited to the Selectboard meeting for information
- Oct 2: Solartech will be at the site (Rich Nicol) to locate the poles and show how large the site area will be.
- Maintenance:  
The tracking devices are hydraulic and should be robust.  
The inverter should last approximately 20 years.
- Anne stated we should notify our residents soon about the project
- The tracking system is cheaper than the fixed system and less visually intrusive.
- Joel spoke with adjacent neighbors about the project and all seem interested in attending the Oct 2 Selectboard meeting.

Noon bus service: Presented by Dan

- Because GMTA's primary focus is on commuters, perhaps we should consider using a school bus for a noon run from Marshfield to Montpelier and back.
- There are buses sitting unused in the school parking lot.
- We would need to hire a driver and there would be some cost in the fuel and maintenance on the bus.
- Bob will call Tanya at GMAA to see if they would provide a noon bus.
- If not, Dan's suggestion should be investigated.

Twinfield School: Presented by Bob

- The dishwasher system is costing the school \$1,000 each month in demand charges for want of a valve. An investment of \$3,000 to \$4,000 in plumbing work would allow that part of the system to be turned off and save that \$1,000 per month.

Plainfield Old Home Days: Presented by Bob

- Bob and Lucy were at the Plainfield parade with an electric car and energy saving information.

SunCommon Presentation: Presented by Bob

- The presentation at the Plainfield Food Coop went well with six or eight attendees. SunCommon is willing to run similar meetings if we want to find the space and publicize it.